

2026 Hope Anderson Education Scholarship Application

Hope Lutheran's Anderson Education Scholarship, is an annual scholarship provided by the generosity of Ken and Linda Anderson to assist students within the Hope Community pursuing higher education. We are pleased to announce that the scholarship application window is now open. The 2026 scholarship will offer \$1,000 to one student in tech school, vocational school, undergraduate studies or other higher education who is currently enrolled in coursework.

The application deadline is Friday, July 31st, 2026 by midnight. The scholarship will be announced and presented to the recipient during worship on August 30th, 2026. If any applicant needs further accommodations to complete the application please reach out.

To apply, submit the completed application form below and a thoughtful and detailed letter about your service and presence at Hope Lutheran Church and within your community. We also encourage applicants to provide a reference who can speak to the details of their letter. See rubric on the backside of this page for how the application will be evaluated. Please submit application materials via email in PDF format to Grace Lenhart at grace@hopechurchec.com by July 31st, 2026 for consideration.

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Where are you attending school? _____

What are you studying? _____

When did you first enroll, and when are you due to graduate? _____

What is your relationship and or role in the Hope Lutheran community?

Reference Name and relationship to you: _____

Reference Phone: _____

Reference Email: _____

Application Letter Prompt:

Write a thoughtful and detailed 1-2 page letter speaking to your service and presence within the Hope Lutheran Church community, your community at large, as well as your current educational path, future goals, and how the scholarship would lend support to these pursuits. Consider the rubric on the back side of this page as you write. Format your letter double spaced using a standard 12pt font.

Please be sure to detail what years and in what capacity you've provided service to Hope.

Submit application materials via email in PDF format to Grace Lenhart at grace@hopechurchec.com by July 31st, 2026. Best wishes on your application.

Hope Anderson Education Scholarship Rubric

	4	3	2/1	0
Service to Hope Lutheran & Community	Applicant clearly displays frequent and intentional presence and service to Hope Lutheran Church & community. Applicant is a strong leader in the community.	Applicant displays semi-frequent presence and service within Hope Lutheran Church & community.	Applicant displays occasional presence and service to Hope Lutheran Church & community.	Applicant does not display presence or service to Hope Lutheran Church & community.
Service Timing & Relevance	Applicant's service was consistent and active within the past year.	Applicant's service was active within the past 2 years.	Applicant's service was active in the past 3-5 years or longer ago.	Applicant does not have relevant service.
	4	3	2/1	0
Responsibilities and financial need.	Applicant has expenses or circumstances that create a significant financial need, and provides a clear explanation of those needs.	Applicant has expenses or circumstances that create a financial need, and provides an explanation of those needs.	Applicant explained a circumstance that creates some minimal financial need.	Applicant has not explained financial need.
	4	3	2/1	0
Recommendation	Strong recommendation	Recommendation included	Questionable recommendation	Not recommended
Application Presentation	Application carefully completed and well presented, instructions were followed, letter was typed, proofed, and free of errors.	Application is complete. Instructions followed, application was typed but greater attention could be made to proofing and clarity.	Application is complete. Instructions were followed but information was poorly organized, and doesn't appear to be proofed.	Application is incomplete, not all instructions were followed.
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